

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has pointed out that to push the quota Bill providing 27 per cent reservations for other backward classes and higher education institutes, another Rs. 16,000 crores would be required immediately to enable Government-aided institutes like IIMs and HTs to upgrade their infrastructure;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry of Finance in consultation with Planning Commission has agreed to provide the amount asked by his Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Implementation of the recommendations of the Oversight Committee appointed by the Central Government for preparing a road map on the reservations for weaker sections in matters of admission to centrally established/maintained/aided institutions will entail provision of financial outlays. On receipt of the Detailed Project Reports from the individual institutions on their requirement of funds, the matter will be examined.

Navodaya Vidyalayas for SCs and STs

† 439. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open special Navodaya Vidyalayas for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the areas where such schools are likely to be opened in the country along with the number thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) There is no proposal in this Ministry to open special Navodaya Vidyalayas for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. There is provision for reservation of seats

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for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in each Navodaya Vidyalaya under the existing scheme.

Children out of school

440. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

1(a) whether 10 per cent children between age group of 6-13 years do not go to schools as per the survey conducted by Government recently;

(b) if so, the details and the facts thereof;

(c) the names of the States where the said children are not going to schools;

(d) the percentage of children in the States who are not going to schools; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to educate all the children in our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) As per a national survey in 2005, the estimated number of out of school children in the country is 1,34,59,734, which is 6.94% of the total children in the age group of 6-13 years. A statement showing State-wise breakup of out of school children and their percentage as per this national survey, is enclosed (See below).

(e) Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) seeks universalisation of elementary education as well as universal retention by 2010. SSA provides for several varieties of interventions, *inter alia* opening of new schools, - setting up of Education Guarantee Scheme Centres and Alternative & Innovative Education facilities to enhance enrolment; incentives; focus on education of girls and weaker sections of society and to improve quality of education in schools.